

**DNCT/EWA**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**8/26/99**  
**9:30-12:00**

**Attendees:**

Mike Fris, Jim Snow, Jim White, Dale Flowers, Bruce Herbold, Dave Fullerton, BJ Miller, Tom Cannon, Pete Chadwick, Paul Fujitani, Art Hinojosa, Dave Fullerton, George Barnes, John Leahigh, Guy Master

**Agenda:**

- 1) Asset Paper
- 2) EWA Uses Paper
- 3) Water Supply Delivery Matrix
- 4) Biology Data for 15 Year Games
- 5) Small Group Presentation for 8/30
- 6) Other

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS OF AGREEMENT**

1. Should we categorize assets by degree of contentiousness and pursue the less contentious initially?
2. It is premature to give Asset Paper to Small Group, but we should list tools for them.
3. Small Group needs to think about how they will function.
4. We should continue to analyze tools and what it takes to make them real.
5. We should talk to our bosses about role of DNCT. Clue them in and encourage them to raise our issues.
6. We should convince Small Group that we are not overstepping our bounds.
7. Define where we need approval, guidance, - what we are not supposed to cover.
8. Define need for an overall plan and that we can outline but not fill in all elements.
9. Pete Chadwick will make presentation on Tuesday.
  - point out our efforts to define assets
  - state that we envision DNCT will continue to evaluate assets
  - we would draft plan on what work needs to be done

- we have been thinking of overall effort which goes beyond DNCT role; DNCT would help.
- need for an overall plan with DNCT role defined.
- go over Sheet #3; go over gaps/needs
- state that we have been thinking about what is important for successful EWA
- present list of assets for their consideration

## ASSETS

- S: Storage should be expanded to include borrowed storage "capacity" or borrowed "water".
- S: It would be preferable to borrow storage in EAST SIDE reservoir, put EWA water into the reservoir for later use, than to borrow EAST Side MWD water. R: Problem - cost is high for getting EWA to East Side - better maybe to simply borrow their water with the hopes that we need not repay it because of future transfers.
- S: We should segregate assets into categories that reflect needs for negotiation- "*pursuit of individual assets*" - those that do not depend on EWADT can be pursued earlier/immediately. Example: storage in Kern WB - we could draft some principle of agreement. We should postpone the difficult stuff.
- C: The larger the EWA the less feasible. We should start modestly with the following: (1) E/I variance, (2) JPOD. Start small and add to rather than try for a big contentious EWA. We should present our choice to Small Group. Ask them to determine path.
- R: Getting the sanction to do non-contentious assets first may be the way to go.
- R: We need most of these assets to make EWA effective, so why limit our support to the non-contentious assets.
- C: Gaming was to define the size of the EWA that we deemed adequate to recover sensitive species.
- R: Recovery is to be accomplished in stages.
- C: E/I ratio and groundwater may be actions that we could put on a "short" list (non-contentious).
- S: We should pursue CALFED water topics, not just EWA topics. EWA assets are just part of the CALFED water management program/strategy.
- C: Looking toward getting people together to develop each of the assets in more detail.
- S: We should add relaxing other standards to the Stage I list.
- Q: What is the purpose of the Asset Paper?
- Q: What happened to the 1999 EWA? Did we have real Assets? Can we use the information developed by Brett?
- R: We need a report on Brett's efforts.
- S: Lets continue our asset hunt to bring more realism to our list of assets - staff will search out assets.

C: Premature to give Asset Paper to Small Group.

R: They will want to know list and how realistic it is + timing.

#### **ROLE OF DNCT IN SUPPORT OF EWADT**

- Put together ideas for EWADT
- Need more specific proposals for EWADT to respond to.
- Small Group needs to think about how they would function.
- Lay out options for EWADT.
- Propose an approach to developing each asset.
- We should try to anticipate their wishes.
- We want to continue working on getting information - we need to let them know this.
- Staff will obtain details so DT can make informed decisions.
- DNCT role will be to evaluate various scenarios. We are about scenario development and the things that allow us to evaluate scenarios.
- Define their process and how we can or can't help on specific items.
- Define areas we identified where we need policy decisions.

#### **Tuesday Presentation to Small Group**

- Define list of assets (EWA and water supply)
- Get their concurrence to develop some of the information needed to assess the feasibility of each asset.
- The use and magnitude of the assets will be defined by the Policy Group.
- DNCT will develop proposals on how this should/could be done.
- Get concurrence that this is part of CALFED's water management plan.
- DNCT will develop streamline tools to quickly determine the efficiency and effectiveness of potential EWA assets.
- We want their concurrence to continue this process.
- We are doing this to respond to their needs and concerns.
- Provide them options on how the EWA would be governed and how it would operate /function.
- We need to bring in additional people to get all of their needs accomplished.
- We need an overall workplan to deal with things like governance and financing.

- Suggest that they task teams to develop the plan.

C: We are not the team to do this. It would reinforce their fears if we did. It is not our role.

R: But this is desperately needed. We all believe in the EWA, so we should not be concerned about stepping forward. We shouldn't wait for them. We should continue the provocative role. We need to continue to frame things for them.

Q: What are their fears? R: That we are cutting deals and making decisions.

C: Water guys did not have these fears.

Q: Is there a subtle way to get their butt in gear so we are not trying to define our role in a vacuum?

R: We need to force them toward productive work. We are not rushing into a vacuum; we are getting ready to be sucked into it.

Q: What is the purpose of the presentation? R: To inform them of what we are doing.

C: It appears that they think we are too far ahead.

C: They want to know what we are doing and why.

C: They want us to propose where we and they are going.

C: We need to tell them where we need negotiations.

S: We should ask them for their concurrence with outlining information on each asset to make decision on feasibility - to gather information to present to them.

S: We should propose someone to develop overall feasibility of each asset. Other issues such as governance and financial should be identified for each asset. Get them to assign efforts to support the someone assigned to each asset.

S: Show them that we are not overstepping our bounds.

C: Concern that next week's meeting could go in many directions - many of these would be bad.

C: We should limit what we suggest.

Sheet 3

## **ELEMENTS OF THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING THE EWA**

### **ORGANIZATION**

- **EWADT PURPOSE, COMPOSITION, NON-MEMBER INTEREST, MEETING SCHEDULE & CONDUCT**
- **PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS\***

**EWA GOVERNANCE\*, DECISION MAKING\*, CONTRACTING ENTITY**

**ASSET AQUISITION**

## **FINANCING**

### **BASELINE/ASSET DISTRIBUTION\*\***

### **COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS, ELEMENTS**

**CVPIA, ESA, ERP, SWP/CVP, OTHERS**

### **ASSURANCES & REGULATORY CERTAINTY**

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**\*Possible Dnct Assistance**

**\*\*analytical support**

C: We need to develop plan for gathering this information. For example: we need to have discussions with Kern CWA. Working with them toward an agreement with them in principle for a contract. DWR would contract them in the future. R: Seems like this takes our role too far.

S: Presentation should include illustrative examples of real assets. But need to decide how far we take the conceptualization for them.

C: How far we take this for them would depend on the specific asset.

## **USES PAPER**

- Table: by lifestage by species list of assets used.
  - ▶ reducing exports
  - ▶ increasing flows
  - ▶ upstream actions
  - ▶ indirect effects
  - ▶ timing
  - ▶ location
  - ▶ degree of asset expenditure (fungibility)
- By Action - hard to identify ranges of EWA water needed by month. Water cost? Percentage of exports used? Define action - model response range.

## **Next Meeting**

**Tuesday after Small Group briefing**